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OF GERMAN NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS

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WITH REFERENCE TO REFTEL, DEPARTMENT AND ERDA WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING MORE PRECISE INFO AS TO THE DEGREE TO
WHICH THE FRG BELIEVES IT IS ACTUALLY COMMITTED TO SUPPLY
SEPARATIVE WORK IN SUPPORT OF THOSE REACTORS TO BE PUR-
CHASED FROM THE FRG PURSUANT TO THE FRG-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR
ACCORD. PARA 4 SPECIFICALLY INDICATES THAT "SOME ENRICH-
MENT SERVICES WILL BE SOUGHT FROM ERDA. GOB WILL NEGOTIATE
ADDITIONAL ENRICHMENT SERVICES FROM URENCO." WE WOULD
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APPRECIATE A MORE EXPLICIT ELABORATION OF WHAT THESE

SENTENCES MEAN AND WHAT FRG VIEWS AS ITS RESPONSIBILITIES
TOWARD BRAZIL SHOULD BRAZIL NOT ELECT TO ACQUIRE ITS
SEPARATIVE WORK FOR FRG REACTORS FROM AN ALTERNATE SOURCE.

IN PARTICULAR, BRAZIL NOW HAS CONDITIONAL FUEL SUPPLY
CONTRACTS WITH ERDA FOR TWO REACTORS WHICH CAN ONLY BE
CONVERTED TO FIRM CONTRACT UPON A GENERIC NRC PU RECYCLE
DETERMINATION AS WELL AS THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A NEW
USG BRAZILIAN BILATERAL AGREEMENT. THESE CONTRACTS, WHILE

CONCLUDED PRIOR TO FRG-BRAZILIAN DEAL, ARE CURRENTLY
SLATED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE ANGRA 2 AND 3 REACTORS
BEING PURCHASED FROM THE FRG.

AMONG OTHER THINGS WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO THE
FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

IS IT THE EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FRG SOLD
THE ANGRA 2 AND 3 REACTORS TO BRAZIL ON THE PRESUMPTION
THAT THE SEPARATIVE WORK WOULD COME FROM THE UNITED
STATES? IF SO, ARE THERE ANY OTHER PROJECTED FRG REACTOR
SALES TO BRAZIL (BEARING IN MIND THAT UP TO EIGHT FRG
REACTOR SALES WERE CONTEMPLATED UNDER THE BASIC FRG-
BRAZILIAN ACCORD) THAT ALSO ASSUME THAT THE FUEL SUPPLY
WILL BE OBTAINED FROM A NON-FRG SOURCE. WHAT OBLIGATIONS,
BEYOND OFFERING ITS "GOOD OFFICES" AS AN INTERMEDIARY WITH
URENCO, HAS THE FRG ASSUMED IF BRAZIL IS UNABLE OR DOES
NOT WISH TO TURN TO NON-FRG SOURCES FOR FUEL? KISSINGER

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